

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

I am requesting funding for the Promoting Digital Literacy, Professional Success, and Global Learning through Technology project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Agnes Scott College, located at 141 East College Ave., Decatur GA 30030.

The proposed project will strengthen digital competencies and global learning at Agnes Scott College. The project will integrate community engagement, diverse digital activities, experiential learning, and professional success into Agnes Scott's signature SUMMIT core curriculum and across majors. To achieve these goals, Agnes Scott College will: (1) Equip four dedicated high-technology classrooms to facilitate project-based learning and enable Agnes Scott students to develop the intercultural competencies and problem-solving skills needed for careers in the global economy that impact and improve Georgia communities. (2) Equip four dedicated high-technology classrooms to facilitate project-based learning and virtual domestic and international exchange. (3) Purchase the equipment and software licenses necessary to transform the Center for Digital and Visual Literacy into a technology laboratory where students learn to develop and apply digital tools, including data visualization, film and multimedia production, and virtual reality to enhance workforce readiness. (4) Equip a new student-operated studio space within the Center for Digital and Visual Literacy. (5) Create a technology support fund to provide Agnes Scott students from under-resourced backgrounds with access to the tablets and laptop computers needed to participate in internships, fieldwork, and collaborative engagement with community partners in metro Atlanta.

The project represents a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will (1) Prepare the future workforce of Georgia with the career-relevant digital skills they need for professional success at organizations and businesses in Georgia (2) Strengthen Agnes Scott's capacity to facilitate virtual exchange and collaboration with organizations, institutions of higher education, and businesses, and (3) Meaningfully engage a larger number and range of Georgia-based community partners with future women leaders.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikema Williams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Nikema Williams  
Member of Congress